

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 1466**  
**Asked on 15 November 2023**

**Mr N Dametto** asked Premier and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games (Hon. A Palaszczuk)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Katter's Australian Party Relocation Sentencing policy that was delivered to the Premier and the cabinet in August this year—

Will the Premier confirm if the policy was considered and if the government will or will not aim to implement or trial the policy?

ANSWER:

I am advised that the Department of Youth Justice, Employment, Small Business and Training is considering your Relocation Sentencing policy proposal.

Youth offending is a deeply complex matter, with no single solution. I recognise that there is more to do to comprehensively respond to the challenges of youth crime.

The Queensland Government is committed to implementing evidence-based strategies and programs to prevent youth crime and support community safety, and the Government looks forward to the recommendations of the Youth Justice Reform Select Committee.

Our government has made significant investment in numerous programs to address this complex issue. The On Country program, which is conducted in Cairns, Mt Isa, and Townsville is one of the programs currently conducted which aims to reduce youth offending. This program takes young people onto country for a period of time to link them to their community and to build support networks that will assist them into the future.

This program and others are evaluated to ensure they are providing the support needed to reduce youth offending. Our government is also committed to working with First Nations people and communities to redesign programs where required to provide programs a greater chance of success.

The Queensland Government is committed to continuing to work with the Queensland community to reduce youth offending by delivering effective programs across the state.